LEGAL NOTICE: INVITATION TO BID

Notice is hereby given that the Fairfield County Sheriff’s Office (FCSO) has issued an Invitation To Bid (ITB) to secure a qualified vendor to provide Law Enforcement Sedans (2015 or newer) and/or Sport Utility Vehicle (2015 or newer) for use by the FCSO. Vendors must deliver a signed original proposal of the entire written proposal to James Nicolia at 221 East Main Street, Lancaster, Ohio 43130 no later than Friday, February 20, 2015 at 11:00 A.M. Proposals received after the deadline will not be considered. Faxes or e-mailed proposals will not be accepted. “Bid for Law Enforcement Vehicle” MUST BE CLEARLY MARKED ON THE ENVELOPE.

A copy of the ITB package may be obtained by internet access at www.co.fairfield.oh.us or by contacting James Nicolia at (740) 652-7338 or jnicolia@sheriff.fairfield.oh.us.

All proposals submitted will become the property of the FCSO and we reserve the right to reject any or all proposals, the right to waive any formalities in the proposals received, and to cancel in part or in its entirety this ITB.
Fairfield County Sheriff’s Office
Dave Phalen, Sheriff
221 EAST MAIN STREET
LANCASTER, OHIO 43130

INVITATION TO BID

INTRODUCTION

The Fairfield County Sheriff’s Office is a local Law Enforcement agency in Fairfield County.

The Fairfield County Sheriff’s Office is issuing this Invitation to Bid from Providers interested in furnishing six (6) new Law Enforcement Sedans (2015 or newer) and/or one (1) new Sport Utility Vehicle (2015 or newer) for the Fairfield County Sheriff’s Office. This is a competitive Invitation to Bid. Bidders should read the entire contents of this Invitation to Bid since the provisions contained therein may affect your decision to submit a bid.

A public bid opening will be held on Friday, February 20, 2015 at 11:00 A.M., at the Fairfield County Sheriff’s Office located at: 221 East Main Street, Lancaster, Ohio 43130.

LIMITATIONS

This Invitation to Bid does not commit the Fairfield County Sheriff’s Office to award a contract or to pay any cost incurred in the preparation of a bid. The Fairfield County Sheriff’s Office reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids received, to negotiate services and costs with bidders, and to cancel in part or in entirety this Invitation to Bid. All bids submitted will remain the property of the Fairfield County Sheriff’s Office. The awarding of a contract(s) does not guarantee a specific service level with one or several providers.

TERMS

All prices quoted by the bidders in their proposals must remain unchanged for a period of sixty (60) days after the date of the bid opening.

PROPOSAL INSTRUCTIONS

Original bids may be hand delivered to 221 East Main Street, Lancaster, Ohio, or received via mail delivery by posted due date and time. No bids or additional information will be accepted after the due date and time. Emailed or faxed bids will not be accepted.
Please submit your bid in a sealed envelope with your name/organization and address, as well as, a notation on the back of the envelope “Bid for Law Enforcement Vehicle”.

In order to be considered, all bids must arrive no later than Friday, February 20, 2015 at 11:00 A.M. to:

Fairfield County Sheriff’s Office  
Attention: James E Nicolia  
221 East Main Street  
Lancaster, Ohio 43130

BID REQUIREMENTS

Each bidder is required to complete and submit the Bid Proposal Form in this packet:

- **Exhibit 1:** Proposal Form (Law Enforcement Sedans)  
- **Exhibit 2:** Proposal Form (Sport Utility Vehicle)

MINIMUM SPECIFICATIONS

Please refer to the Ohio Department of Administrative Services website, more specifically the following Procurement Contracts for a full listing of the minimum requirements.

Index #GDC050 (RS901214 effective 11/28/2014)*  
http://procure.ohio.gov/RevisedContract/RS901214_RC.pdf

*Options to include: Keyed Alike; Deactivation of Rear Door Locks and Windows; Setina Bodyguard PB-400 Push Bumper; Weathertech DigitalFit FloorLiner - Front Only

*If GDC050 is used for bidding purposes for the Sport Utility Vehicle (K8A), several options must be included for undercover use. (i.e. 64B, 549, 16D & 65U)

Index #GDC093 (RS903615 effective 11/25/2014)  
http://procure.ohio.gov/OrigContract/RS903615 OC.pdf

OBLIGATION OF BIDDER

Each bidder must insure that all employees and applications for employment are not discriminated against because of race, color, religion, sex, non-disqualifying physical or mental handicap, or national origin.

COST LIABILITY

The Fairfield County Sheriff’s Office will assume no responsibility and no liability for costs incurred by prospective bidders for the purposes of preparing and submitting proposals.
FINDINGS FOR RECOVERY

House Bill 95, the State of Ohio Operating Budget for fiscal years 2004-2005 enacted a new provision of law (O.R.C. 9.24) effective January 1, 2004, that prohibits a state agency or political subdivision from awarding a contract for goods, services, or construction, which is paid in whole or in part with state funds, to a person against whom a finding for recovery is unresolved.

As of the above date, Fairfield County Sheriff’s Office will verify that each individual and/or business that bids on this proposal does not have any unresolved findings for recovery listed on the State of Ohio Auditor’s Office Database established for this purpose.

CONTRACT SELECTION CRITERIA

After the Fairfield County Sheriff’s Office has reviewed all bids and made a selection, all bidders will be notified of their status via mail by Friday, March 06, 2015. The Invitation to Bid packet and the selected provider’s bid response, including all attachments, will be incorporated into the contract.

INQUIRIES

All questions must be received in writing, directed to the Fairfield County Sheriff’s Office, Attention: James E Nicolia via mail at the address above or email jnicolia@sheriff.fairfield.oh.us, at least one business day prior to the bid due date. The Fairfield County Sheriff’s Office will respond to all questions by posting the answers on the County website, www.co.fairfield.oh.us, for reference. It is the responsibility of all bidders to check the website on a regular basis for responses to questions, as well as for any addendums or other pertinent information regarding this Invitation to Bid.

PROTEST PROCEDURE

Any bidder who is not in agreement with the competitive bidding award may file a written protest to the Fairfield County Sheriff’s Office, Attention: Sheriff Dave Phalen; 221 East Main Street, Lancaster, Ohio 43130. The protest must be filed within five business days from the date of the notification letter informing bidders of the bid results. The protest shall be in writing and contain the following information:

1. The name, address, and telephone number of the protestor;
2. The name of the Invitation to Bid being protested;
3. A detailed statement of the legal and factual grounds for the protest, including copies of any relevant documents;
4. A request for a ruling in writing by the Fairfield County Sheriff’s Office; and
5. Any other information the protestor believes to be essential to the determination of the factual and legal questions at issue in the written protest.

The Fairfield County Sheriff’s Office will review the bid files and make a determination as to the validity of the protest.
Exhibit 1:

Proposal Form

Company Name: __________________________________________________________

Address: ________________________________________________________________

Phone Number: __________________________________________________________

Name of contact person: _________________________________________________

Law Enforcement Sedans (2015 or newer) meeting the minimum specifications:

Total Cost, Title, and any delivery charges:
*Fairfield County Sheriff’s Office is a tax exempt agency.

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I, _____________________________________________,

Name & Title

attests this vehicle meets or exceeds the listed specifications on Exhibit 2. I further agree that delivery to the Fairfield County Sheriff’s Office can be expected 90-120 days from the date of notification of a successful bid.

Signature: ____________________________

Date of proposal: ____________________________
Exhibit 2:

Proposal Form

Company Name: ____________________________________________________________

Address: ________________________________________________________________

______________________________________________________________

Phone Number: __________________________________________________________

Name of contact person: _________________________________________________

______________________________________________________________

Sport Utility Vehicle (2015 or newer) meeting the minimum specifications:

Total Cost, Title, and any delivery charges:
*Fairfield County Sheriff’s Office is a tax exempt agency.

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I, ________________________________________________,
Name & Title

attests this vehicle meets or exceeds the listed specifications on Exhibit 2. I further agree that delivery to the Fairfield County Sheriff’s Office can be expected 90-120 days from the date of notification of a successful bid.

Signature: __________________________

Date of proposal: __________________________